HOMECOMING 2015

October 22-24
Another memorable spring at Lewis-Clark State College was capped off by a couple of major highlights in May – commencement and the Avista-NAIA World Series.

Records were set in both the number of graduates (792) and the number of degrees awarded (844) at our commencement ceremonies held in Coeur d’Alene on May 3 and Lewiston on May 15. Our graduates represented 29 counties in Idaho, 16 states in the U.S., and six foreign countries. As a reflection of our faculty excellence, almost 13 percent of those graduating earned academic honors. I am proud of our graduates and look forward to seeing them at alumni events and hearing their many success stories.

The Warrior baseball team took the field at the Avista-NAIA World Series and made some history of its own. We congratulate Head Coach Jeremiah Robbins and his players on winning the program’s 17th national title and the first since 2008. The tournament played out in thrilling fashion, it was well attended (with just shy of 5,000 fans at the title game), and by all accounts Lewis-Clark State College and Harris Field once again proved to be the perfect place for the NAIA’s national baseball championship. I thank the athletic department, the many sponsors, and the hundreds of volunteers, including many from our campus, for a job well done.

Also in May, it was announced that the Lewis-Clark State College Foundation distributed $401,843 in scholarship funds to students during the 2014-15 academic year. We appreciate the help and support the Foundation gives to our students and faculty. Without the generous support of the Foundation, LCSC would not be the successful college that it is.

Late in April, we learned that grant requests from the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Social Sciences Division were accepted by the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). In addition, Associate Professor Jenni Light was accepted as a researcher for the EPScOR summer program, MURI, which is designed to engage undergraduates in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. For this project, Professor Light will work alongside two student researchers on water quality assessment in Hells Canyon. Congratulations are in order for all involved in these projects.

Our campus was alive with events in conjunction with the Dogwood Festival this April. We hosted the Dogwood Dunk, the Stephen Lyman Children’s Exhibit at the Center for Arts and History, and the Dogwood Show and Shine. And let me not forget to mention the 31st Annual Art Under the Elms, the signature event of the Dogwood Festival. The Dogwood trees were in bloom, the weather was accommodating, the crowds were large, the artwork was great, and by every measure the event was a success. I thank our sponsors, honorary chairs Bill and Sharon Taylor-Hall, and LCSC’s Continuing Education and Community Events staff for their labors in hosting this wonderful event, yet again.

March brought the reopening of LCSC’s Silverthorne Theatre, restored to its former glory after extensive renovation efforts. The historic auditorium entertained a large and enthusiastic crowd with The 1940’s Radio Hour, a musical by Walton Jones with stage direction by Jef Petersen and musical direction by Tom Schumacher and Nancy McIntosh. The evening included a special 1940s themed gala to commemorate the reopening. I thank all those who were involved in making both the renovation and the evening a success.

As I look forward to the exciting things in store for Lewis-Clark State in 2015-16, I wish you a happy and healthy summer and thank for your continued support.

J. Anthony Fernández
President,
Lewis-Clark State College
As we begin a new year, the Lewis-Clark State College Foundation continues to work hard to assist this institution and its students. The 30 member board of hard-working community leaders is committed to making every dollar count as we awarded over $400,000 in scholarships this past year. With a record number of degrees awarded at commencement, which was over 800, and student enrollment continuing to rise, you can see the need for every dollar.

The success of this institution continues and finding every dollar for growth is an ongoing problem. Budgets get a little tighter, expenses increase and the needs of students continue to rise. These are three good reasons why this foundation is committed to raising funds to help with the financial shortfall. Every gift that is given to the Foundation goes a long way. Every dollar given helps to fund scholarships and activities which are not supported by the State, and assists with the growth of LCSC. There are many ways to support the Foundation, whether it is a private donation, an endowed scholarship, or planned giving, just to name a few. Over the next few months, the Foundation will be looking ahead at the next five to six years and what we will have to accomplish for our next campaign. I hope that you will become a part of this great institution and give as you see fit. If you have any questions, please call our Director of College Advancement, Erika Allen, at 792-2457.

I would also like to welcome Dawn Wittman and Katie Seekins to the LCSC Foundation Board. These two highly respected ladies bring a wealth of knowledge and success to our group and we are glad to have them. Dawn is a retired Librarian from the City of Lewiston and Katie, along with her husband, own Seekins Precision, which is a huge success story in its own right. I look forward to having them be a part of this great organization.

I want to thank all of you who have given this past year and in years past. All gifts are very important and will continue to benefit Lewis-Clark State College.

Bradley A. Cannon
President, LCSC Foundation
The mission of this association shall be to establish effective relationships between Lewis-Clark State College and its alumni; to cooperate with the College in promoting the role and mission of the College; and to assist in preserving and strengthening the traditions of the College.
Since the LCSC Foundation was established in 1984, many of the leading members of the Valley’s communities have served as members of its Board. The service and leadership of hard working Board members of the past laid the groundwork that has allowed the Foundation to achieve its current level of status and success. Today’s dedicated Board members are paving the way for the continued and future accomplishments of tomorrow’s Foundation.
I was living in Pullman, Washington when I decided for my Education at LCSC. Here is my story:

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Michael '05 and Patricia Rooper celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 19, 2015. He was a teacher for 17 years at McSor-ley and Camelot elementary schools in Lewiston. He retired in 1991.

Jodi Fischer ’79 shared the following “I just want to take a minute and say how grateful I am for my Education at LCSC. Here is my story: I was living in Pullman, Washington when I decided for the LPN program. I applied and was accepted. I spent the next year traveling back and forth five days a week to the campus and St. Joseph Hospital for my clinical rotations. My experience in this program gave me the determination to be the best nurse I could possibly be. I went on to get my ADN in 1988 from Lower Columbia Community College. I continued my career and education in nursing and completed my BSN in 2009 from the University of Phoenix West Sacramento. I recently completed my master’s in family nurse practitioner’s degree from the University of Phoenix West Sacramento. When I reflect on my career, I am grateful to have had my start at LCSC. I was reading the Journey magazine about the nurses doing disaster preparedness. When I was in my LPN program we, along with the police candidates across the hall, participated in the St. Joseph disaster drill. The ER staff did not know we were coming. I pulled into the parking lot and about 12 of us piled out of my truck and the triage began. We were all playing the roles of victims of a pleasure cruise accident on the river. We were able to see first-hand what the patients and staff go through at various points along the way. Those days at LCSC are embedded in who I am as a nurse. I will never forget where I began.”

Karen (Orton) York ’91 shared “I have two grown daughters, five grandchildren, and my second husband Ted and I have adopted a baby, who is now a two year old toddler. We recently moved to Austin, Texas from the Pacific Northwest. I have had an exciting and diverse career. Being a nurse has allowed me to obtain my personal dreams and experience so many amazing areas of practice within nursing itself. My current area of expertise is field case management working with injured workers.”

Susan Pixley ’91 is working as an RN at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Paul Tappen ’94 shared the following, “Wow! I just received my first ever issue of Journey magazine - how in the world did you find me!? As soon as I graduated in Dec ’93 I was gone continuing my career with the Army. If you can endure the listing for a moment (it makes a point), I have lived in Kentucky, Texas, Colorado, the Western Sahara, Arizona, Alaska (now our permanent home), Kansas, Washington DC, Afghanistan, and currently Colorado, and many other places on short-term basis. Again, how in the world (literally) did you find me now? I am impressed. I’m also enjoying the magazine. I’m only a few pages into it, but it’s causing a flood of memories from so long ago. My life, and my family’s, was changed so dramatically by punching the college-ticket. You should pat yourselves on the back. If you want to share my email around while patting, I’ll be smiling. Thank you very much.”

Brenda Krahn ’94 received the Daisy Award at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. This award is given through the Daisy Foundation and recognizes extraordinary nurses. Brenda is an RN at SJRMC.

Karen Powell ’97 is working as the community services coordinator for St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

Fred R. Kuest ’98 shared “On February 1, 2014, I married Naomi C. Soper. We currently live in Hillsboro, Oregon. In June of 2015, I began work as a security manager with the Portland Public Schools overseeing all of the campus security agents and managing the after-hours alarm response contract. I have also been with the Hillsboro Police Department as a reserve officer for 13 years. I am also serving as the troop chaplain for my son Garrett’s Boy Scout Troop. In my spare time, I play drums for my church’s worship team, and I hold an amateur extra class amateur radio license.”

Darbi (Kechter) Boyer ’00 works for Regence BlueShield of Idaho as a benefit contracts analyst III.

Mary Dilley ’04, completed her Master’s of social work degree at the University of Southern California in December, 2014 with a concentration in mental health, and a sub concentration in military social work. This accomplishment has been on her ‘bucket-list’ since completing her BSW at LCSC a decade earlier. To help celebrate, she went to Hawaii with her husband Gary. They reside in Southern California.

Natasha (Hoerrmann) Stamper ’04 and her husband Michael ’05 are living in Bethel, Alaska. She is a Pharmacist with the Yukon Kuskokwin Health Corporation.

Jeff Collins ’05 and his wife Laura welcomed Miles John to their family on September 1, 2014. Jeff is a Title I Reading Instructor with the Nome Public School District. They reside in Nome, Alaska.
Kaiti (Dugger) Lemon ’06 lives in Tigard, Oregon with her husband John. She is an academic advisor at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Pasang Sherpa ’07, a lecturer in the College of Liberal Arts’ Department of Anthropology at Penn State, will devote her time this summer to assisting the people affected by recent earthquakes in her home country of Nepal. She has worked in her current position since 2013 and studies the perception of climate change among the Nepalese people. She holds a doctorate and a master of arts in anthropology from Washington State University.

Logan Fowler ’08 has been named director of college communications at Lewis-Clark State. Logan and Emma (Riddle) ’09 welcomed a new baby boy Isaac Owen on December 15, 2014. He joins his sister Eliza Jane.

Danielle Scott ’08 and Kyle Conklin were married on January 10, 2015. She is employed as general manager by Quality Inn and Suites in Clarkston.

Jesi (Smith) ’09 and Jeremy McLean ’05 were married on July 23, 2014. Jesi is an 8th Grade math teacher for the Lewiston School District. They reside in Lewiston.

Jesse Holcomb ’09 and Stefany Moser were married on May 2, 2015. He is employed as an operating room nurse at Pullman Regional Hospital.

10’s

Edward O’Hara ’10 is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Hayden, Idaho. Ed and his wife Jessica live in Hayden.

Kayla Carr ’10 and Kyle Green ’10 were married on June 20, 2015. She is employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston. He is employed as a firefighter with the Lewiston Fire Department.

Blaine Wallace ’10 and Angel R. Helm were married on June 13, 2015. He is employed in the pulp and paper department by Clearwater Paper in Lewiston. She graduated from Lane Community College on the LC campus in 2013. She is employed as a dental hygienist in the dental office of Jonny Fisher in Pullman.

Carrie (Forgacs) Snyder ’10 was recently promoted to administrator at Schein Bright Academy, a small private children’s center in Somerset, Ohio.

Markus Hobson ’10 and Brookann Beutler were married on June 20, 2015. He is employed by Valley Car Sales in Lewiston.

Amanda Womack ’11 and Dustin Palazzo ’11 were married on July 11, 2015. She is employed as a communications specialist by the Lewiston Police Department. He is employed as a diesel technician by Peters and Keatts Equipment.

Austin Swanson ’12 and Brittany Blessing were married on July 10, 2015. He is employed as an electrician by Hells Canyon Electric.

Jordan Feucht ’12 and Cameron Hagen were married on June 20, 2015. She is employed as a kindergarten and first-grade teacher at Clearwater Valley Elementary School in Kooskia.

James Matuska ’13 shared, “After graduation I served as the service learning coordinator for VIS- TA at LCSC. I am now semi-retired but have been volunteering for years as a certified medical assistant at the Snake River Community Clinic and spent part of a year at the North Idaho Children’s Home. I still take one to two post grad courses per semester at LC to improve my knowledge.” Jim and his wife Billy Kay live in Deary, Idaho.

Chris Elliott ’13 joined Eide Bally LLP in Boise as a tax associate. He is currently working towards his CPA license.

Ashlie Jerdon ’13 has accepted a Wells Fargo financial advisor position in the Coeur d’Alene branch office of Wells Fargo Advisors. Ashlie has been with Wells Fargo Advisors for three years and has seven years of experience in the financial services industry. Prior to becoming a financial advisor, she served as a registered client associate.

Branda Rugg ’13 and Joseph Orr ’08 were married on September 27, 2014. Branda is employed in Lewiston by Limited Brands. He is employed in Lewiston by Vista Outdoors. The couple lives in Lewiston.

Allie Woodrachak ’13 and Doug Kenyon were married on July 11, 2015. She is employed by St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

Jeffrey McGuire ’14 is working as a realtor for Coldwell Banker Tomlinson in Lewiston.

Kenneth Mcgee ’14 is working as a service representative for the Social Security Administration. He and his wife Staci welcomed a new baby girl Bryanna Korinne to their family on April 10, 2014. She joins her siblings Jordan Summers and Sean Duncan. They reside in Post Falls, Idaho.

Jonathan Vivian ’14 and Julia Mangum were married on May 1, 2015. He is employed a rehabilitative interventionist therapist at Imagine Behavioral and Developmental Services in Lewiston.

Kayla Dau ’14 and Clayton Zenner were married on June 13. She will begin work as a math teacher in August.

Adam Babino ’15 and Katie Thompson were married on June 6, 2015. He is employed by K&G Construction. Katie, a current student at LC, is employed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley.
Business Technology and Service

Accounting Assistant

The division welcomed Polly Knutson into the faculty ranks. Polly will lead the applied accounting (bookkeeping) degree program into the future having strong connections to industry needs. The program is undergoing curriculum upgrades that will provide students an opportunity to seamlessly continue their education in accounting in the Business Administration: Managerial Accounting Emphasis track within the Business Division. The Business Technology and Service Division is excited to work with Polly as she brings a wealth of experience into the position and will be able to support the needs of related programs within the division.

Administrative Assistant

The degree program and division said goodbye to a legacy of student service with the retirement of Professor Molly MacGregor-Cole. Molly was a devoted and robust professional-technical educator in the office administration field. She consistently received excellent student course evaluations and always spoke with a positive tone. She has witnessed much growth and change in the division since 1984 when she started. Molly retires with a spring in her step, working for the Moscow food bank and sharing her dogs to help children with reading in the schools. Her positive and cheerful spirit will be missed by all.

Administrative Medical Assistant

The Administrative Medical Assistant program offers three distinct technical certificates along with the AAS and BAS degrees. This past spring term, six students took the AAPC’s certified professional coder’s exam as a capstone to their education in the Medical Biller/Coder Technical Certificate curriculum. These students will enjoy 100% placement in the field. This program produced two, year-end, student award recipients. Alycia Straw received the 2014-2015 Outstanding BTS Student Award and Aaron Roberts (dual major in Web Development) was named an ASLCSC Leadership Award recipient by the associated students.

Business Management

The Business Management program continues to grow the shopLCSC.com apparel shop on campus. They have two locations, one in Sam Glenn Complex and the other, the main physical location, in the Activity Center. They successfully prepared for and conducted business during the NAIA World Series. This shop is tied mainly to the Business Management program but also has instructional opportunities for our Web Design & Development, Accounting Assistant, and other degree programs. Students are able to apply the classroom curriculum to a real-world experience.

Early Childhood Development

This strong program continues to grow and expand opportunities for working professionals with an online component. In addition, the program is working towards sharing space with the campus-based Kinder College to be used as a working, instructional lab.

Graphic Communications

Formally known as the Graphic Design/Print Technology program, Graphic Communications has emerged with a renewed foundation of practical, hands-on opportunities for students which are unparalleled in the state. Students continue to be able to apply their designs in the division’s own live graphics communications shop.

Hospitality Management

The Hospitality Management lab is currently undergoing major kitchen upgrades to provide students with a more contemporary workspace and opportunity to practice modern restaurant and hospitality methods. Come check out the progress in Sam Glenn Complex 207 and expect warm and inviting culinary aromas to permeate the building on Wednesdays.

Web Design and Development

In order to meet the demands of industry, the Web Development program has begun a former split between front-end and back-end web development by renaming the program Web Design and Development. This degree program continues to be offered completely online and provides a robust curriculum, introducing relevant course subjects such as responsive design, CMS development, and mobile development.
Business

The senior capstone presentations were held at the Kroc Center in Coeur d’Alene on Friday, May 1 and at Sacajawea Hall Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7. A barbeque was held for graduates and faculty after the presentations on May 7.

Debbie Goodwin, Jill Thomas-Jorgenson, Karen Andrews, Rachel Kaitz, Jenny Scott, Geri Seale, Maurissa Welsh, and Delta Heath-Simpson of the Business Division attended the University of Idaho Women’s Leadership Conference in Moscow on March 25.

LCSC Accounting Club

(Submitted by Karen Andrews, Accounting Club Advisor)

The LCSC Accounting Club took a field trip in April, visiting the Microsoft Campus in Redmond, WA as well as the offices of KPMG in a Seattle skyscraper. The field trip offered the students an opportunity to gain perspective on the various jobs and career opportunities beyond our local community. Stuart McKee, Chief Technology Officer of Microsoft, and also an LCSC alumnus and Business advisory committee member, hosted the tour of the Microsoft Campus and treated the members to a gourmet lunch.

Becky Kennedy, KPMG Recruiting Manager, talked with the students about the opportunities available in working for one of the largest accounting firms in the world. Karen Andrews, the faculty advisor, obtained an institutional development grant to fund the student trip. Students expressed appreciation for being able to view firsthand how these two global companies operate.

The Business Division is proud to announce the hiring of three new faculty members: Dr. Ayodeji Arogundade, Philip Church, and Dr. William Schlosser. Dr. Ayodeji Arogundade was hired in January as assistant professor in Marketing and has been a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Idaho. Philip Church will start this fall as an assistant professor in Accounting. Phil earned his Masters of Accountancy at the University of Idaho, is currently working on his Ph.D., and has been employed as an adjunct faculty member in the U of I accounting program. Dr. William Schlosser will join the division as an assistant professor in Economics in the fall and has been working in resource economics in his family owned business.

BUSINESS STUDENT ORGANIZATION (BSO)

(Submitted by Macaela Skinner, BSO)

What was BSO up to during spring semester 2015? We kept over twenty club members very busy with the 2nd Annual Color the Valley Run, the 25th Annual Confluence Grape and Grain event, and officer elections for next year.

First, on April 11, in conjunction with the LCSC Kinesiology Club, we held the 2nd Annual Color the Valley Run – an official event of the Dogwood Festival – at Community Park with a turnout of over 400 runners, which was surprising due to the poor weather. Various volunteer tasks included setting up and tearing down the course, registering participants, and managing the color stations. This year’s event had eight sponsors and over fifty dedicated volunteers!

On April 17, we partnered with the Center for Arts & History to put on the 25th Anniversary of the Confluence Grape and Grain event. This elegant event was held at the Center for Arts & History in downtown Lewiston and included tastings from local breweries and wineries, and catering was provided by the Red Lion, silent auction, music, and fundraising drink boards. BSO students asked for silent auction and drink board donations from various local businesses and Business Division faculty and advisory board members, who were all very generous. This event, one of our biggest money raisers, helps provide funds for scholarships awarded to active BSO members.

Last, we held elections for officer positions to replace those being vacated next year. Sean
Cumpton stepped down from his BSO officer position to become a Senator for ASLCSC. Additionally, both Andrew Gabica and Macaela Skinner are graduating in December 2015. As a result, next year Kaylea Harrold will fill Sean Cumpton’s position, and Andrew and Macaela will be replaced by Hans Hansen and Linda Henson in spring 2016. In order to become a BSO officer, students must meet a GPA standard, write an essay describing why they would make a good officer, and give a presentation to BSO students and faculty advisors as to why they should be selected.

In the fall, BSO has many things to look forward to, including partnering with Athletics at the annual Warrior Golf Classic and working at the LC Valley Logger Games. As a student club, we would like to give thanks to the community members, Business Division faculty, and fellow campus organizations that have been supportive of our events and helped us raise funds for student scholarships. This semester we were able to award eight generous scholarships to deserving business students!

**Education and Kinesiology**

**Retirements**

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**LCSC Kinesiology Activities**

Kinesiology students, Darrell Wagner, Cole Robinson, Westin Crenshaw, Marlee Zeman, Trista Webb, Charae Polek, and Brandi Gehring, accompanied by faculty member Dr. Lee Ann Wiggin, attended the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America National Convention & Expo in Seattle, WA. Over 4,000 participants attended the National Convention & Expo to discuss best practices in the fields of Health, Physical Education, Physical Activity, and Coaching. Students had the opportunity to attend presentations and network with other professionals in the field.

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Students in Sean Cassidy’s photography class exhibited their work at the Blue Lantern Coffee House during the month of May as part of downtown Lewiston’s “Art Walk Series.” Students in sessions and expanding their knowledge base, LCSC students, Donna Morse, Anna Thompson, Kyle Fox, Rye Hewett, Alicia Parellada, Demetria Riener, Ella Dyer, Natasha Spoon, and Michelle Anderson, also served as college mentors. As a college mentor, LC students assisted attending high school students with participation in all the events the conference has to offer. “Tools for Life is for transitioning youth with disabilities and all who support them. Attendees include educators, special educators, therapists, counselors, service providers, job developers, other rehabilitation specialists, and especially high school students with disabilities and their families” (“Tools for Life”, n.d.).

**Professional Engagement of EDKIN Faculty**

Dr. Christa Davis gave two presentations at the 2015 Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) National Convention in Seattle, WA. Both presentations addressed aspects of KRUMP, a form of dance. Dr. Heather Van Mullem gave a presentation at the 2015 SHAPE National Convention, addressing her research on social media and body image. Dr. Michelle Doty delivered the keynote speech at the 2015 Tools for Life Conference.

**Award Winning Faculty**

Dr. Cliff Matousek was awarded the 2015 Don and Joanne Poe Faculty Excellence Award at the faculty and staff awards ceremony. The Poe Award “recognizes a faculty member who meets the highest standards of academic excellence with a particular focus on excellence in teaching and mentoring students...” (“Poe Award”, n.d.).

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Nursing and Health Sciences

Tracy Flynn was recognized with the 2015 H.L. Talkington Faculty Achievement Award. This award recognizes the tradition of teaching excellence as exemplified by the career of H.L. Talkington, who came to Lewiston State Normal School in 1899 and was an outstanding instructor here for 40 years.

Marilyn Heckendorn received the 2015 President’s Award for Outstanding Teaching. This award is given based on the effectiveness of teaching; quality of scholarly or creative activities; and the level of service to college or community.

Jerry Schultz, a nursing student, has received the Florence Whipple scholarship from the Idaho Nurses Association. The Florence Whipple Scholarship Fund was established in 1956 as a memorial to Whipple, who was known for her personal and professional quest for knowledge of better ways to meet the health needs of the people. Florence Whipple has had a lasting impact on the education of Idaho nurses. Jerry serves as the current ISNA President and has been very proactive in involving students in the ISNA organization. Jerry is promoting the following events for the organization: a mission trip to Peru this spring; fundraiser for car seats for St. Joseph OB Department for low income families; along with several blood drives.

Jessica Sterner, a nursing student, has been elected president of the Idaho Student Nurse Association. In her role, she will serve as the principal officer of the association and will preside at all meetings of the association, the board of directors, and the executive committee. She will also take part in the NSNA Council of State Presidents, which takes place at the NSNA Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida. She will also participate in the NSNA Annual Mid-Year Conference which takes place in Atlanta, Georgia.

Social Sciences

Dr. Rachelle Genthôs (Psychology) participated in the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) conference in Tampa, Florida in January 2015.

The Anthropology Club held its annual Mardi Gras fundraising event in February 2015 to raise money for the Ecuador Field School. The School involves students taking a 15-week course and spending three weeks in the South American country.

Two students – Heidi Hughes (Humanities and Social Sciences) and Kris Rawson (Psychology) -- participated in the Model European Union (EU) competition in February 2015 in Seattle, Washington. Rawson’s performance at the Model EU earned him an invitation to present a paper at the Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union in California.

Prof. Sheri Weistaner (Social Work) was one of a select number of applicants invited to participate in a February 2015 Infant Mental Health Training in Spokane, Washington.

The Lewis-Clark State College Social Work Program won the Legislative Advocacy Days competition in Boise in February 2015. Advocacy Days is an annual two-day workshop that provides training for students in BSW programs throughout Idaho. It includes opportunities to meet with Idaho legislators, and there is a competition in which students from each Social Work program present a policy analysis to a group of faculty judges. The LCSC students took first place out of seven, coming in ahead of student teams from larger institutions.

Several faculty members participated in LCSC’s annual Native American Awareness Week in
March 2015. **Dr. Rhett Diessner** (Psychology) moderated a panel discussion about Native American artisans. **Dr. Amy Canfield** (History) and **Dr. Chris Riggs** (History) participated in panel discussion about of the legacy of Vine Deloria Jr., an influential Native American Studies scholar.

**Dr. Eric Martin** (History) gave a presentation at the New England Regional World History Association’s Spring Symposium in March 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Dr. Kateri Ray** (Social Work) won the LCSC Spirit Award, and she presented her research at the Baccalaureate Social Work Program conference in March 2015.

**Dr. Leif Hoffmann** (Political Science) and **Prof. Angela Wartel** (Justice Studies) took three students to the Western Political Science Association conference in Las Vegas during spring break. The students – **Leticia Scott** (Political Science), **Renae Pasta** (Justice Studies), and **Joseph Carter** (Justice Studies) – gave poster presentations. Dr. Hoffmann presented a paper and Prof. Wartel served as a panel discussant.

**Dr. Leanne Parker** (Psychology) won the LCSC President’s Award for Outstanding Teaching, and she took a group of students to the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association in Boise, Idaho in April 2015.

**Dr. Amy Canfield** (History) received the LCSC Foundation Award, co-organized a series of Women’s History Month events, evaluated grant applications for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and participated in a summer NEH institute on American Indian history. Along with three public talks given locally, she presented papers at the Western Social Sciences Association’s annual meeting in Portland (Oregon) and the Women’s Leadership Conference in Moscow, Idaho. She published an article in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly entitled “These Lands are Worthless Without Water”: The Federal Government’s Divided Loyalties in Irrigating the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, 1902-1916.”

**Dr. Eleanor Downey** (Social Work) won two awards this year: the LCSC President’s Award for Excellence in Diversity and Cross-Cultural Understanding and the Cornerstone Award (given by the graduating class of Social Work students to a faculty member).

Angela Wartel (Justice Studies) organized a “Justice Studies Day.” The event brought prison officials, police officers, and a judge to campus to talk about prisoner rehabilitation, the criminal justice system’s treatment of the mentally ill, police techniques, and campus safety.

**Dr. LaChelle Rosenbaum**, Interim Social Work Program Director, earned her Doctorate of Education with an emphasis on Educational Leadership.

Social Sciences faculty members and students collaborated with others on campus to make the “Art of Giving”/“Send Hunger Packing” food drive a success. Participants collected 1500 pounds of food and over $1450 in cash donations, which were then distributed among five social services agencies.

**Dr. Rhett Diessner** (Psychology) actively collaborated with students on research projects. Two Psychology majors – **Destiny Woodward** and **Shawnee Stacy** – and Dr. Diessner co-authored an article entitled “Ten Once-a-Week Brief Beauty Walks Increase Appreciation of Natural Beauty.” It was accepted for publication in Ecopsychology. Students **Cameron Kirk** (Psychology) and **Crystn Guenthner** (Anthropology) collaborated with Dr. Diessner on another paper entitled “Encouraging Engagement with Beauty: State and Trait.” They submitted their work to the Journal of Positive Psychology.

Several Social Sciences Division faculty members played a key role in organizing a “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” (WMHS) event in Lewiston in April 2015. WMHS involved a march around the campus and the surrounding neighborhood to bring attention to the problem of rape and other forms of violence related to sex and gender.

Social Sciences Division students and faculty members actively participated in the annual LCSC Research Symposiums in Coeur d’Alene and Lewiston. About 90 of the Division’s students presented on a wide range of topics, including the relationship between art and depression, the influence of Captain America on American identity, and the impact of dogs on levels of social anxiety. Five Social Sciences graduates served on a panel that examined career options for those who major in liberal arts disciplines such as history and sociology. Two Justice Studies professors – **Dr. Heidée McMillin** and **Prof. Angela Wartel** – did pedagogical poster presentations on strategies for improving student learning and best practices in online education. **Dr. Amanda Van Lanen** (History) gave a keynote address on the early history of agricultural cooperatives in Washington State. **Dr. Kerensa Allison** (Anthropology) and **Dr. Rachelle Genthôs** served as the lead organizers of the Lewiston Symposium.

**Dr. J.R. Seaman** (Social Work) retired after many years of dedicated service to LCSC as a full time and adjunct faculty member.

**Student Jenny Williams** (Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications and Social Sciences) spent the spring semester interning at Veritas Advisors, a political consulting firm. Her performance earned her a full time job with the company upon conclusion of her internship in May 2015.

**Technical and Industrial**

(Submitted by: Jack Hutson, Professor of Engineering Documentation)

Every spring our Engineering Technology program students are assigned a final design project. This year was no exception and I would like to share it with you.

As I stated in my introduction we have a design project that has varied from year to year. Some years we have had catapult competitions that launched everything from .50 caliber balls of lead to CRT computer monitors; there have been wind generators and old CD launchers!

Due to expense (and, perhaps, some liability!) we purchased a 3D Printer to complete the task of taking designs the students develop as solid models and complete them using the Maker Bot. It is an important teaching tool; allowing me to give feedback as immediately as possible on an actual solid part. This year we concentrated on designs that would have actual application beyond the classroom!

These designs included the replacement of a broken pump housing for a part-cleaning sol-
vent tank. The housing, that was worn and broken, had to be measured using calipers (a close-tolerance measuring tool.) The final assignment was to re-design the housing to develop a better design than the original. It had to meet all of the requirements for form, fit and function and do it better than the original! There are two parts to the clamshell-like housing assembly that required two students to complete their individual part; remaining in close communication to enable each part fit perfectly with the other. We also had to place the plastic material into a container of cleaning solvent to test the material’s resistance to the solvent. That complete with positive results, the parts designed as solid models using AutoCAD software, it was time to build the items on the MakerBot 3D printer. Parts complete, they seem to fit perfectly; the student had to cut screw threads into the base part of the housing assembly that will allow the cover to be tightly fixed to the base. The addition of a round rubber washer completed the seal and the finish product was ready for use.

Other projects included golf ball markers and BMW parts. A student and his father were avid golfers and I suggested that he make custom, initialed, golf ball markers. He used SolidWorks design software to complete his solid models. He got so good at making the design that he made a set of three markers for the president of our campus, Dr. Fernandez, as well as a set of “retro” LC markers.

The last part I wanted to mention was a set of dust covers for a BMW soft-top that a student developed. One of the originals was lost and needed replaced. At the time we did not have black material so he decided to make a matching set of red covers, complete with the BMW logo – which the original did not have. All parts developed by our students had to be original, developed from their solid CAD files and not just taken off the internet.

Hope this gives you a better idea as to what happens over here in MTB every year!

Community Programs

Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter has appointed Charlette Kremer ’91, service-learning advisor and grant development coordinator, to serve as a member of Serve Idaho, the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism. “Charlette has shown a clear dedication to helping those around her and has managed to turn service into a career,” Serve Idaho Program Manager Renee Bade said. She has been with the Lewis-Clark State College for the past nine years, serving first as a member of Volunteers in Service to AmeriCorps (VISTA) and later as Lewis-Clark Service Corps Director where she placed AmeriCorps volunteers with community based programs that helped students who struggling in school throughout Idaho.
Empowerment

When we think of the word empowerment our thoughts may differ on what that looks like. We may think of instructors, coaches, community leaders, parents, churches, our children, siblings, our partners. People, places or even things can be included in our view of empowerment. As a social work student I am being educated on how to empower others. I am continually being taught the importance behind empowering people, communities, and countries. As a social work student I had the opportunity to experience empowerment in the form of an incredible educational opportunity. I was fortunate to be a part of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Idaho Chapter Legislation Education and Advocacy Days (LEAD).

This event is held every year in February at the Idaho Capital. Social work students come from all over the state of Idaho and this year over 200 students, instructors, legislators, and community members participated, just to name a few. I sit stumped at how to describe the experience of empowerment at this event. It is an indescribable feeling that comes from the excitement of wanting to learn how to make changes. Learning how to advocate for policies, how to talk to legislators, how to empower our communities at home and how to find strength in numbers of voices. Learning new techniques to see ways to make our great state better and learning how to go about making change for the better. I, alongside two fellow students from my district, were fortunate to meet with my local Senator Shawn Keough to discuss a local issue in Bonner County. I was also able to be included in a meeting, with four other social work students and our Program Director, with one of the Governor’s aides. In both meetings I was humbled with the interest that these leaders had in our questions and concerns.

The topic this year at the LEAD conference was raising the minimum wage and inequality. Through the use of speakers, an inequality panel, a film and conversations the doors opened to the challenges our state are facing. As it stands our state sits at a $7.25 minimum wage while the livable wage in Idaho reflects the need for higher than the minimum wage pay. Idaho’s incarceration rate is one of the highest in the nation and there are new plans being implemented to help curb this staggering number and ultimately help to save our state funds. Included in this opportunity eight groups from various schools participated in a presentation contest. The presentations focused on raising the minimum wage and the inequality behind pay. The groups brought awareness to how working a minimum wage job cannot pay for college, how families are one disaster away from losing it all, how single parents are trying to figure out how to make it on an income that can’t even provide enough money to live on for the year, and how women make up a large number of the workforce yet are paid substantially less. Each group brought a different topic of awareness to the subject of raising the minimum wage and different reasons why this is an important topic. Lewis-Clark State College’s social work program was well represented and won first (Coeur d’Alene campus) and second (Lewiston campus) place.

With each of the groups that presented, the speakers who educated us and encouraged us and the instructors who made this happen for the students involved, for me I walked away feeling educated and empowered. I came home to my own north communities ready to advocate for good policies, great changes and empower those around me. Through the empowerment of this opportunity I am rejuvenated as a student and ready to share in the responsibility of empowering others.
Mary Ruth Hassett is retired*. The asterisk by the word “retired” is necessary because it appears that she is anything but retired since leaving Lewis-Clark State College.

Hassett served as the Chair of the LCSC Nursing & Health Sciences Division during 2004-07 after a 22-year stint at Fort Hays State where she first worked with current LCSC President J. Anthony (Tony) Fernandez. It was Fernandez, in his role as Provost, who later persuaded Hassett to come to LCSC at a key time when the college was in the process of developing Sacajawea Hall. That plan helped double the capacity for the Nursing program.

Hassett retired from LCSC in the summer of 2007, but that hasn’t slowed her down. She is the editor of a book that should be out later this year, and is active as a volunteer on both local and state boards, as a grant writer, and with the Republican Party. She and her husband Mike also spend time traveling and working out together at the LCSC Fitness Center.

Because of her love for nursing and history, Hassett has been editing a book “Dear Mom: WWII Letters from a Cadet Nurse.” Clarkston’s Louise LaVoie, who in May celebrated her 90th birthday, is the author. The book is expected to contain more than 320 letters with editor footnotes for historical context.

This is not Hassett’s first time in the publishing world. Her recently revised article “West & Durant” will be published in the next issue of the “Golden Age”, a journal that is published twice a year by the Nez Perce County Historical Society. She also was a contributor and reviewer for the “Handbook of Informatics for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals” (4th edition, 2009) and wrote articles that were published in “RN Idaho”, a peer-reviewed journal of the Idaho Nurses Association. She currently is editor of the Nez Perce County Republican Women’s Club Newsletter.

Recently she resigned from the board of the First Territorial Capital of Idaho Revitalization Project, Inc. (FTCIRP), to be able to spend more time on editing the book. She said she was able to finish her work as Chair of the Curator’s Committee, which developed the first job description for the FTCIRP curator. She remains on the boards for the Nez Perce County Historical Museum and the Nez Perce County Republican Women’s Club and was honored by the latter with the Award of Excellence for her commitment to service in 2013.

She is active with the Idaho Federation of Republican Women where she was an alternate delegate to the state convention last September, and is also a member of the National Federation of Republican Women, where she was an alternate delegate to the national convention in 2013. She was recently appointed to serve as the Historian, a non-voting position on the IFRW Board, for 2015-2016.

She’s been valuable on the boards she has served on, especially in trying to help them try to secure funding. She has submitted grants for the FTCIRP and the Nez Perce County Historical Society. She also is involved with activities at her church, Valley Christian Center Church in Lewiston, and also is a member of the Idaho Nurses Association and an honorary member of the Idaho Alliance of Leaders in Nursing.

Hassett has remained active with LCSC and can still be seen around campus. She was a volunteer fundraiser for the bronze sculpture “Sacajawea Arduous Journey” which is located by the entrance to Sacajawea Hall.

Despite the busy schedule, Hassett said her focus was on family after retirement. She said her husband has battled some health issues but recently told her he hasn’t felt better in years. Along with her workouts at the LCSC Fitness Center three times a week, Hassett says she tries to swim twice a week at the Asotin County Family Aquatic Center.

She and Mike bought a travel trailer in 2008 and regularly go on trips to California, Oregon and Kansas to see their children as well to Indiana for a family reunion. They also enjoyed the trips with their dogs Higgins and Clare, although Higgins has since passed away.

*Mary Ruth Hassett is retired.
NURSING ALUMNI UPDATE:
Whitney Frischman

In December of 2013 I graduated with my BSN from Lewis-Clark State College. I have always wanted to be able to help those in need. Establishing my career in nursing seemed like the best way to not only help others, but have a career at the same time. As a graduation gift to myself, I decided to travel to Nepal and spend a month using my new skill set while volunteering. I was set up in a one room village clinic helping the doctor bandage wounds, administer medications, and assist with procedures. There was no electricity or running water, making it hard to not only keep my hands clean, but transferring germs was almost unavoidable. The most interesting experience I had was watching a bone being set and then creating a cast from cardboard and gauze.

Nepal was such a great experience and the culture is different in so many ways. The first couple days I spent touring Kathmandu seeing temples, cremation ceremonies, and the Kumari or “living goddess”. One weekend I went on a trip to a jungle park and saw one-horned rhinos and crocodiles. I was there during the Holi “color” festival, which was a wonderful experience. Locals threw powered colors on each other and performed tribal dances. It was difficult for me to take pictures, knowing the poverty that everyone lived in and that my phone was worth more than they probably make in a year or more. My last couple days were spent at the mountains seeing some breathtaking views. One thing I never figured out is what goes on beyond the squat toilet doors when people don’t have toilet paper. Having one “clean” hand to eat with, and one “dirty” hand gives a pretty good idea!

Most days at the clinic I handed out medications and helped with assessments and procedures. The doctor handed out antibiotics to almost everyone who came in with the explanation that it is what the people want and will get it anyway at the local pharmacy. Antacids are also handed out to everyone, because they taste like chocolate, and chocolate is a rare treat. My least favorite task was handing out TB meds (while holding my breath) hoping to myself they had been compliant and that holding my breath would work!

My time spent at the clinic made me realize I had chosen the right career. I will volunteer again someday but in order for me to have advanced volunteering options I need to have experience in a hospital, which I will continue to work on. The time spent in Nepal was an incredible adventure, one that I can thank LCSC and their excellent nursing instructors for. It has become very clear, being in the real nursing world, what a treasure the LC valley has in their BSN program!
Looking back, the 2014-15 was quite the remarkable year for Senior, Zara Palmer, who recently graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing from the Lewis-Clark State College Center in Coeur d’Alene.

Zara was no stranger to student leadership opportunities, serving as the Chairperson for the Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College-Coeur d’Alene (ASLCSC-CDA), a member for the CDA Business Student Organization (BSO), a marketing intern for both Kootenai Electric Cooperative and a volunteer for Toucan Rescue Ranch in Costa Rica.

Obtaining a degree was never a question for Palmer. From a young age, she was determined to graduate from college. With the passing of her late father, she made a promise to herself and her father that she would one day cross the finish line as a college graduate.

Faced with adversity and loss, she found a certain solace in her experience in Coeur d’Alene and specifically LCSC-CDA. “When I came to Coeur d’Alene after my father died, it felt like a kind of home. Immediately I knew this is where I wanted to pursue my degree.”

Ever since she was a little girl, she always loved the outdoors and animals. Coeur d’Alene embodied everything she was looking for in a college, “I knew faculty on a first name basis, participated in clubs, networked with business professionals, and most importantly, graduated from school debt free. I was also able to be outside and enjoy all the outdoor activities Coeur d’Alene has to offer.”

While volunteering her time at a number of different organizations, she also had a number of notable accomplishments.

Palmer, for example, led a campaign to change the ASLCSC Bylaw stipulating that student government members had to be enrolled at LCSC for at least a semester. Because of this change, students have never had easier access to student government representation, which will ultimately benefit future transfer students.

With her recently earned LCSC degree, Palmer plans to spend three months in Costa Rica to further assist the Toucan Rescue Ranch, a nonprofit charitable organization. In addition to traveling to Costa Rica, she managed the Owl Mew Fundraising Campaign as part of the Toucan Rescue Ranch. In the course of this fundraising, she surpassed the $6,000 goal, eventually generating $7,500 for help build mews for owls at the rescue center in Costa Rica.

In addition to these endeavors, she has been actively involved with launching and promoting various fundraising campaigns on crowdfunding sites, social media promotions, implementing program improvements and website redesign for the nonprofit.

All in all, Zara is as committed to giving back to society as much as she has gained from society. That makes her an outstanding Alumni of LCSC and a confident promise for the future.
Nestled in a crevice of Hells Canyon, Billy Creek Cabin lays happily situated one hour south of Lewiston across the river from Washington’s Snake River Road. One of many Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) cabins, this lovely spot serves as an outpost to manage the vast area that is the Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area. This spring, Lewis-Clark Service Corps and IDFG hosted six LCSC students at Billy Creek Cabin. These students opted for a unique spring break experience by giving back to the community.

NS 292 Alternative Spring Break/Managing Wildlife, Habitat and People gives students the opportunity to earn one credit in five days and volunteer with a 501(c)(3) conservation-related institution to learn from experts in field. This is the third project collaboration with IDFG and fifth time an alternative spring break class has been offered.

From March 30 to April 3, students volunteered with IDFG professionals during the day to restore native habitat after the 2014 Cougar Fire, which burned 65,200 acres. The students learned first-hand about animal and plant species identification, fire management planning, local ecology, and habitat restoration. Evening presentations covered fisheries, big horn sheep, rare plants, wildlife, and history of the Craig Mountain Wilderness Area and IDFG’s role in its maintenance. The group planted 2,500 native plants, including cottonwood trees, apple trees, service berry, blue elderberry, current, and hawthorn bushes. They also removed hazardous fence destroyed in the fire. Big horn sheep, bald and golden eagles, a screech owl, and turkeys were only some of the wildlife students spotted.

To cap off the trip, IDFG took students on a private boat tour to the Salmon-Snake River confluence, with stops at Cache Creek Museum, Cougar Fire ignition site, and Native American tepee rings on the way.

Students were required to complete a reflection project as part of the service learning experience, and many chose to photo journal in addition to writing. A new student to the class journaled, “…it has been an experience of a lifetime” and another wrote, “After 3 days, I have been inspired to pursue more biology fieldwork.”

The entire student group plans to return in the spring of 2016 and continue volunteering for IDFG. A student who has taken this class multiple times stated, “It’s always sad when you realize the trip is over. But this won’t be my last spring break trip with Fish & Game, nor will it be the last time I work with them.”

LC Service Corps hopes to continue this class and the opportunity it provides students to experience hands-on learning, network, be inspired, gain new friends, build their resumes, get back to nature, and contribute to the community.

For more pictures and information, visit https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.990253324327104.1073741828.151355341590244&type=3
LCSC Alumni and their families were treated to an exciting night of Warrior baseball, free snacks and giveaways on March 27. Special thanks to LCSCAA Events Committee and Warrior Athletics!
For the fourth time in as many years, Lewis-Clark State College was selected for the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in the category of General Community Service. The honor roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. Lewis-Clark State College Service Learning Advisor Charlette Kremer said, “LCSC’s application focused on three projects.”

Social Work students in the Mental Health and Mental Illness in the 21st Century class are matched with a community member living with chronic and persistent mental illness. Community member participants are considered “Citizen Companions” and identified and treated as graduate assistants because they teach the students about facing and overcoming the stigma attached to living with a mental illness. “The Citizen Companions receive socialization beneficial to their mental health and become empowered to speak as experts on their lived experiences,” Kremer said.

The school’s Positive Psychology course incorporates elder care as a means of understanding psychosocial development. Working with the Area Agency on Aging, pairs of students are matched with isolated elderly. Through their weekly conversations, students are challenged to learn about all eight stages of psychosocial development while maintaining the elder’s mental and emotional good health as the top priority. At the end of the course, students write a “celebration” of the elder which incorporates the narratives collected from the elder, data from personal observation, and a critical analysis of the theory of psychosocial development. Kremer said the class has been so successful, there is a waiting list of elders hoping to be included in the project.

In spring 2013, students in the LCSC Engineering Club and Introduction to Engineering class considered the idea of designing, building, and installing solar lighting on the baskets of the community’s only disc golf course. “The students conducted research on solar panels, photocells, and LED lights,” said Kremer. “They conducted experiments to determine which lights provided good visibility without disturbing neighbors and formed partnerships with local businesses and the City of Lewiston. The end result is a ‘green’ recreational opportunity made available to all who want to test their disc golf skills under the stars.”

Kremer said, “honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, and the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships.”

Kathy Martin, LCSC Dean for Community Programs and Governmental Relations, said, “the efforts that contributed to the school once again being named to the honor roll are part of an overall effort to ensure that connections with the community remain strong and purposeful.”

“Service Learning initiatives are part of LCSC’s Strategic Plan goal to strengthen and expand collaborative relationships and partnerships,” Martin said. “We’re very proud to be recognized for the contributions our faculty, staff, and students make to serve our community.”

Boise State University and the University of Idaho were the only other Idaho higher education institution named to the 2014 honor roll.
In May of 1992, just one week after I graduated from LCSC, I started working as a recruiter for the college. When I think about our college now and compare it to the place I was representing in 1992, I am amazed at how many things have changed. Back then, for example, we didn’t have a psychology major. I remember the day we began making the case to establish one. I was asked to gather information about the number of prospective students who had expressed interest in psychology. Other things about the college were different. There was no email, no website and no social media – those technologies were just barely beginning to be available to higher education let alone to the general public. We didn’t have our own website until 1994. Full-time Idaho residents paid $624 per semester to attend LCSC. Presidential Scholars were able to attend for $374 per semester because they received a $250 scholarship each term. Our student population, which included full- and part-time students as well as students at our outreach sites (there was no such thing as an online student) combined to total just over 2,000 students.

While our college has evolved and become an even greater place to go to college in my nearly 30-year (including time as a student) association with LCSC, there are also many things that, thankfully, have remained the same. We still put a tremendous amount of effort into creating an individualized educational experience for our students. We remain committed to meeting students where they are (academically, emotionally, etc.) and helping them get where they want to go. There are still many wonderful leadership positions students can hold to enhance the more formal education they get in our classrooms and, perhaps the greatest unchanged attribute, is that we continue to measure the institution’s success by our students’ success. Alumni represent proof of the quality education provided each year by LCSC.

To that end, I hope that you will spread the word about the remarkable educational opportunities available at Lewis-Clark State College. We have set an enrollment goal that calls for growth by 1000 full-time students over the next five years. It’s an ambitious goal and one that will not be achieved easily. But, with the support of alumni, who are testaments to the great things that can happen for people at our college, that enrollment goal becomes very attainable. Simply passing the word to others and encouraging them to check out our website, visit our campus, or talk with one of our faculty or staff members can go a long way in keeping up the tremendous momentum the college enjoys. Stay involved and be involved! We need your help!

Dr. Andrew Hanson
Vice President for Student Affairs

Are you an LC alum located in South Idaho? Do you enjoy talking about your experience at LCSC?

Join the Warrior Recruitment program. This is a unique opportunity where alumni can engage future warriors by fostering relationships with prospective students. Represent your alma mater at various recruiting functions in southern Idaho at college fairs, high school visits, special LC events or simply provide student referrals. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Brock Astle at 208.859.3778 or jbastle@lcsc.edu.

Go Warriors!
Six full seasons had come and gone since the Lewis-Clark State Warriors won the last of their 16 national championships, the longest stretch since they claimed their first crown in 1984. And for much the title tilt on May 30, that drought seemed destined to stretch to a seventh season.

But then Mother Nature, as she has done so often during the 2015 edition of the Avista-NAIA World Series, produced yet another lightning delay. The break must have given the Warriors time to refocus because they furnished a significant jolt of their own when action resumed.

The Warriors generated a six-run salvo in the eighth inning to rally for a 10-7 triumph over St. Thomas of Florida in Game 19 of the World Series. The comeback, occurring in front of 4,975 fans at Harris Field, gave the Warriors their long-awaited 17th national championship.

“I’m so proud of my guys,” LCSC coach Jeremiah Robbins said. “They deserve to end the season on their field, dogpiling on the field they built. You couldn’t ask for anything better.”

The Warriors, who finished the year with a 46-12 record, were playing in the championship game for the third consecutive year and the 24th time in program history. They finished second at the Series each of the last two seasons.

The Warriors’ 17th title is “an assurance to everybody that the program is still moving forward,” Robbins said. “We’ve knocked on the door a couple of times, but we kicked it through tonight.”

Early on, it was St. Thomas doing most of the kicking. The Bobcats, who were playing in the title game for the first time in school history, roughed up LCSC starter Nick Sagendorf for five runs in the first inning.

Even after the Warriors scored a run in the third on a Seth Brown double, cutting the margin to four, the Bobcats answered with two more scores in the fifth. When the Bobcats chased Sagendorf in the fifth, they held a 7-1 advantage.

The Warriors had ample opportunities to slice into the St. Thomas lead, but they left 11 runners stranded on base. LCSC did eventually scratch out two scores in the top of the
sixth on doubles by Michael Sexton and Cabe Reiten, making the score 7-3.

Lightning then delayed the game for 44 minutes. The contest didn’t restart until 9:33 p.m. local time, a break that seemed to help the Warriors more than the Bobcats.

Brown, who went 2-for-5 with two RBIs, led off the seventh inning with a double and eventually scored on a groundout by Max Whitt. That made the score 7-4 heading into the eighth.

Robert Smith Jr. started that inning with a double to right center. Two batters later, Reiten singled to center to slice the Bobcats’ lead to 7-5. Reiten finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Brown then reached base on a fielding error by St. Thomas, which allowed another Warrior run to score. All of a sudden, the Warriors, who at one time trailed by six runs, now found themselves in a bases-loaded situation with a chance to seize the lead for the first time.

And Whitt delivered. The junior infielder lashed a two-run single up the middle to put LCSC on top 8-7. Julian Ramon followed with a RBI double and Smith capped the outburst with a RBI sac fly. All told, the Warriors scored six runs on four hits and a St. Thomas error during their eighth-inning detonation.

LCSC hurler Cameron Pongs then retired the final six St. Thomas batters to secure the Warriors’ championship. The senior lefty picked up the win after holding the Bobcats scoreless in his 4.2 innings of relief. Pongs allowed just one hit and one walk to go with six strikeouts.

“Pongs has had an off-and-on year and for him to come in and seal the deal, it was just gutsy,” Robbins said. “That’s just guys buying in and staying with it.”

Eric Santamaria suffered the loss for St. Thomas after allowing four runs, all earned, while failing to retire any of the four batters he faced during that pivotal eighth inning. The junior was one of seven pitchers utilized by the Bobcats on the evening.

St. Thomas starter Ben Ancheff, a 300-pound righty, actually stifled the Warriors in his 4.1 innings of work. The junior held LCSC to just two hits while tallying five strikeouts. But he left the game in the fifth with tightness in his shoulder.

The Warriors finished with just nine hits, but they reached double-figure runs for the 20th time this season and the third time in the Series. But at the end of this night, there was only one number that truly mattered: No. 17.

“What a reward for a lot of hard work this year, not only on the field but in the cages and in the community,” Robbins said. “It’s proof that when you really buy into something and invest the time, good things are going to happen.”
Robbins named NAIA National Coach of the Year

After leading the Lewis-Clark State baseball team to its long-awaited 17th national championship, Jeremiah Robbins was named the NAIA-Baseball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year June 8.

“I’m very honored to receive this award, but the credit goes to all the players, the coaching staff and everyone involved with the program,” Robbins said. “It’s a nice reward for a lot of time and effort that was put into this season. But it will always come down to having good players, a good coaching staff and a good support system that allows you to achieve some pretty special things in the game of baseball.”

LCSC claimed the national championship, its first since 2008, by defeating St. Thomas (Fla.) in the title game of the Avista-NAIA World Series. In that contest, the Warriors rallied from a six-run deficit for a 10-7 triumph. It was the largest comeback in championship game history, making the Warriors just the fifth team seeded fourth or lower to win the title since the current seeding format began in 2003.

“Winning the national championship was our main goal this year,” Robbins said. “But the personal recognition, whether it’s our guys earning All-American honors or receiving this award, is a result of that success and is something that we’re all very proud of.”

In three seasons as the LCSC skipper, Robbins has compiled a record of 138-36 and guided the Warriors to the World Series title game every year. The Warriors finished the 2015 campaign with a 46-12 mark and won the NAIA West after going 24-4 in group play. They also ended the year ranked No. 1 in the final NAIA Coaches’ Top 25 Poll.

Under Robbins’ tutelage, this year’s Warriors ranked in the top 10 nationally in 11 offensive categories. They led the NAIA in home runs (95) and RBIs per game (8.14) and ranked second in runs per game (8.74), hits per game (11.59) and slugging percentage (.536).

Seth Brown, who clubbed an NAIA-best 23 home runs this season, earned second team All-American recognition, making him the fourth Warrior in Robbins’ tenure to garner either first- or second-team distinction. Robbins has also coached four honorable mention All-Americans, including Max Whitt and Cabe Reiten, both key contributors for the Warriors this season.

Robbins joins the venerable Ed Cheff as the only LCSC coaches to win the National Coach of the Year award. Cheff, who guided the Warriors to their first 16 championships during his 34-year stint in Lewiston, earned the honor seven times.
Who better to help students at Lewis-Clark State College than people who have faced similar experiences in some of the same hallways and classrooms?

The Student Affairs staff at LCSC agrees. This dedicated staff prides itself on its customer service and for good reason. Nearly half of the full-time employees in Student Affairs are graduates of the college.

“LCSC was and is a place where an individual can really make a difference,” says Andy Hanson, LC’s Vice President for Student Affairs and a 1992 graduate of the college.

“I had a wonderful student experience and I love sharing my passion and enthusiasm about the college with prospective students and parents,” says Soo Lee Bruce-Smith, Director of New Student Recruitment and a 2000 LC graduate. “I love working with students and I enjoy my colleagues.”

Students Affairs covers a wide area at LCSC that includes from when prospective students first inquire about the college to what career path they choose after graduation. Student Affairs includes the offices for Admissions, Career & Advising Services, Educational Talent Search, Financial Aid, International Programs, Native American and Minority Student Services, Registrar, Resident Life, Student Activities, Student Health and Counseling, TRiO, and Tech Prep.

With these areas comes a diverse and talented staff, 30 of which have earned a degree from LCSC. A number of staff members had the opportunity to be student workers in offices around campus, which started them on their career paths.

“As a college student, I truly enjoyed my experience at LCSC and felt as an employee it would be an easy transition to assist students here,” says Bob Sobotta, Director of Native American/Minority Student Services and an ’89 graduate.

“LCSC has so many great qualities to support students in their goals and journey.”

Sobotta, like many of his co-workers, took full advantage of the opportunities at LCSC when he was a student. He was on the basketball team and saw first-hand the sense of a campus community that students, faculty and staff knew each other and worked together.
Others were involved in a variety of activities, including “The Pathfinder” student newspaper, Student Programming Board, intramurals and Student Government. Most also saw these experiences as a way of getting their foot in the door.

Both Hanson and Bruce-Smith says it was easy to get involved on campus, which also gave them the opportunity to enhance their resumes.

“I wanted a job in higher education and this is where I got my foot in the door,” says Nikol Roubidoux, Registrar/Director of Admissions at LCSC and an '02 graduate.

“I wanted to stay in the Valley and I loved my student experience so much that I wanted to work on campus,” says Bruce-Smith.

Many in Student Affairs like Vice President Hanson have favorite stories they enjoy telling about their time as a student at LCSC and their favorite classes. They also pointed out their favorite professors, such as Okey Goode, Rhett Diessner, Craig Steenburg, Kathy Wilcox, Patricia Keith, Bob Hayes, Sean Cassidy, Steve Evans, Alan Marshall, David Sears, Mike Owen, and Jerry Ramey, among others. A few on the list still teach at LCSC.

“Getting to know and work closely with professors and fellow students,” says Tate Smith, Director of the First Year Experience and an '02 graduate of LC, about what he enjoyed most while he attended the college. “I also appreciated the opportunities for students to get involved on campus. If you wanted to get involved and make a difference there were no obstacles that prevented you from doing it.”

Now, this same group is encouraging other students to be involved and help them with the college journey.

“It’s small enough that I get to know the students and can help them succeed,” says Roubidoux. “I also like being able to know just about everyone on campus. I enjoy being able to see the students progress from applicants to degree-earners.”

For some, it’s also an opportunity to pay it forward and help the next generation of college students.

“I was thankful for the experience that I had as a student,” says Tate Smith. “I soon realized that LC provided a great education taught by quality faculty. And as an LCSC believer, I thought what better job than to work for an institution that you believe in.”

That belief in LCSC is why so many have been working at the college for at least a decade.

“LCSC provides a great sense of community which lends itself to being a great learning environment for students and a great working environment among colleagues,” Smith says.

Smith adds that working with students and being able to see their positive development of knowledge and skills is one of the favorite things he enjoys about working at the college.

“It is also very rewarding and inspiring to see our students achieve their degree and land their first professional job,” Smith says. “That’s what it is all about.”
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LCSC-Coeur d’Alene
May 3, 2015
Lewiston Campus
May 15, 2015
During the spring sports season, Lewis-Clark State College produced a number of All-Americans and national qualifiers. But the grandest accomplishment of all was a wonderfully familiar site: a Warrior dogpile.

The LCSC baseball team added to its storied history by claiming its 17th national championship. The Warriors snagged the crown, their first since 2008, by defeating St. Thomas (Fla.) in the title game of the Avista-NAIA World Series on May 29. In that contest, the Warriors rallied from a six-run deficit for a 10-7 triumph. It was the largest comeback in championship game history, making the Warriors just the fifth team seeded fourth or lower to win the title since 2003.

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LCSC also collected a number of individual accolades, the highest of which went to coach Jeremiah Robbins, who was named the NAIA’s National Coach of the Year. Junior slugger Seth Brown, who led the NAIA with 23 home runs, earned second team All-American honors while Max Whitt and Cabe Reiten were both named honorable mention All-Americans.

Whitt, Brown and Ty Jackson were all selected in June’s Major League Baseball draft, bringing LCSC’s total number of players drafted to 127 all-time. Whitt went in the 17th round to the Miami Marlins, making him the highest-drafted Warrior since 2011. Brown was selected in the 19th round by the Oakland Athletics while Jackson lasted until the 32nd round, when he was chosen by the Tampa Bay Rays.

The ever-expanding LC State track and field program produced a record-setting season that concluded with five individuals, including national runner-up Katrina Nolan, earning All-American honors at the NAIA Outdoor National Championships.

Nolan was the Warriors’ highest finisher at nationals, placing second in the women’s steeplechase. Fellow
steeplechase Kea Paton and Hayden Randall also garnered All-American distinction, as did 1,500-meter runners Sophie Bush and Cody Larson. To earn All-American honors, athletes had to place in the top eight of their respective events.

This spring marked the fifth time since 2005 that the LCSC men’s golf team qualified for nationals. The Warriors placed 19th in the 29-team field, missing the championship cut by just two spots.

The Warriors earned an automatic bid to nationals by winning the team title at the Frontier Conference Championships at the end of April. They cruised to the crown, outshooting the rest of the field by at least 11 strokes.

Two Warriors — junior Chris Lien and sophomore James Walkinshaw — earned First Team All-Frontier Conference recognition.

This year also marked the third consecutive year, and ninth time overall since 2003, that the Warrior women’s golf squad qualified for nationals. LCSC placed 23rd in the 27-team field, missing the championship cut by six spots.

The Warriors qualified for nationals by winning the team title at the Frontier Conference Championships at the end of April. They rolled to the title, outshooting the rest of the field by at least 22 strokes.

Karina Davila was the lone Warrior to earn All-Frontier Conference praise. The junior from Mexico landed on the first team for the second year in a row.

Despite having to navigate challenging schedules filled with NCAA opponents, the LCSC tennis teams finished the year ranked in the Top 25. The Warrior women were rated No. 15 in the final coaches’ poll while the men landed at No. 23.

The women’s team went 8-13 this season and earned an at-large bid to the national tournament, where they defeated LSU Alexandria in the opening round. The Warriors’ season ended in the next round, when they lost to eventual champion Auburn Montgomery.

This was the fourth straight year, and 15th time overall, that the Warrior women qualified for nationals. The LCSC men, on the other hand, just missed qualifying for nationals. They finished the year with a 4-10 record.

Freshman standout Sagung Putri Dwinta became the first Warrior since 2013 to earn All-American recognition. Dwinta, a second-team selection, went 10-10 while playing at No. 1 singles. At Nos. 1 or 2 doubles, she was 8-13.

Three other Warriors — Deanri Human, Bryn Oliveira and Lincoln Gay — received regional awards from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Human was the NAIA West Region’s recipient of the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship and Leadership Award while Oliveira earned the NAIA Senior Player of the Year Award. Gay, a student assistant, garnered Assistant Coach of the Year honors.
Travis Walker is getting the most out of his LCSC education by using the knowledge he gained from college classes to grow his thriving personal training business, Complete Fitness, in Lewiston.

Walker, a 2001 graduate of LC, started his personal training business in his garage in 2009 and slowly built up his clientele to where he was working 12 hour days.

As the business grew, he hired a part-time trainer, and then another before he finally moved into a commercial building at 1702 21st Street in 2014. He now has four personal trainers besides himself working Monday through Friday at the business.

While he credits his work experience and the Kinesiology classes at LCSC for helping him to get where he is today, you might be surprised to hear that another big factor in his success is the classes that he didn’t like and thought he would never have a use for.

“I enjoy how the body functions as far as the muscles and energy systems,” Walker says. “The first two years of school I did not enjoy any of the intro classes. But I realize now that I use a lot of the information from some of those classes. For example, I did not like psychology and with personal training there is a lot of mental aspects when clients come in. I can read body language and where someone is mentally as soon as they come in the door. I know when to push someone, when to let off a little, when they need to talk or when you just need to be quite and work. Don’t get me wrong. They have to get results but I can adjust workouts to relate to what is going on in their life and still meet results. Stress is an amazing thing and what it can do to someone mentally and physically can really decide how the body will comply.

“Another example with the mental aspect, I choose this topic because I really didn’t enjoy psychology, is when and if a person is going to make a decision to improve their lives. Whether it is stepping through that door to the gym or whether to go buy the burger or quit being lazy and make your dinner. How are you going to make that decision and make it a habit? When will you mentally know that is what your body and life needs?”

Walker grew up in northern Idaho and western Montana. He graduated from Moscow High and began attending the University of Idaho. After taking a year off from college, he enrolled at Lewis-Clark State in 1999 and earned his degree in 2001.

“I enjoyed the smaller atmosphere,” Walker says about his time at LCSC. “It made it easier for me to experience my professors and other students in the classroom. I liked being able to walk in to a professor’s office and feel welcomed. They seemed like they were interested in what I was doing and where I wanted to go in life. I remember going into Doc Sears’ office, sitting there talking for up to 2 hours. It wasn’t just about class but sports, ethics in sports, administration, and high school athletics and so on. We would talk about anything and everything about life.”

Walker says he doesn’t have a particular favorite memory about LCSC. Rather, he focuses on how fulfilling the whole experience was.

“It was one of the building blocks of what I wanted out of life,” he says. “I found out a little bit about myself at LCSC. Who I was, what road or roads I wanted to go down whether in school, with friends, or even girlfriends. I made good decisions and I made bad decisions with school and outside of school but along the lines LCSC was always somehow involved. I didn’t learn as much book wise as I would have liked and some of my professors would agree with that but when graduation came I matured.”

Walker began working the front desk at Adcope Athletic Club in Lewiston while he was a student at LCSC. He spent 11 years at the Club where he also became a certified trainer, taught spinning classes and became Sales Manager. He then made the risky decision to start his own personal training business out of his garage.

“Luckily at Adcope I had a manager that became a wonderful mentor,” Walker says. “He had taught me a lot about the gym business and people. So when it came time to move on from Adcope I had the backing from my wife and friends as well as an education from LCSC. I also had hands on experience that made the transition easier than maybe for most.

“My career is very rewarding because of the ability to help others. People come in with a goal in mind. We try to meet that goal but along the way people learn how important it is to create a lifestyle where activity is an important tool in their lives. Moving benefits them not only physically on the outside but their overall being as far as cardiovascular, respiratory, immune, nervous system, stress and so on. I love hearing stories about getting off of medications or even not relying on others to help move furniture or pick something up that they would have never been able to do before. Or the best is my older clients that could get down on the floor to play with their grandchildren and then were able to get back up with no problem. It is about the quality of life.”

Walker enjoys spending time with his wife, Ashlie, and their two children, Bryson (7) and Ella (4). He also likes being outdoors, spending time with his father and brother as well, and recently took up archery.

So what advice does Walker have for students considering attending LCSC?

“My advice to possible incoming students to LCSC is more one on one attention,” he says. “The ability to communicate with your professor and the ability to really build a relationship with classmates and professors to help with building your education, and to build that base for a wonderful life and who you want to be professionally and personally.”
The LCSC Foundation and LCSC Alumni Association host the annual Scholarship Luncheon every spring as a way to thank donors who have given generously to support scholarships at Lewis-Clark State College.
LCSC vs. Eastern Washington University
December 22, 2014

A fun group of Warriors gathered at Zentropia Pizzeria and Pub in Cheney before the L-C vs. EWU basketball game.
Art Uncorked!

On January 7, a group of alumni and friends were inspired by L-C alumna Myndie VanHorn, owner of Art Uncorked, who guided us step-by-step in creating a featured painting.
Warrior4Life Wednesdays are a quick fun break in your workday routine and a great way to see who else is a Warrior where you work. We’ll bring the treats and LC swag. We can coordinate the day and time that works best for you.

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ZING Award recognizes a family member or friend whose presence, endeavors, dedication and care have contributed to the personal development, academic success, and life achievement of a Lewis-Clark State student.

This year’s ZING Award was presented to Dee Dee Schroeder, who was nominated by her daughter Stephanie Quackenbush. Her nomination letter read:

“My mom has sacrificed so much for me (and my brother) over the years and supported me through everything I get the crazy idea to try. She raised us as a single mom, with the help of my amazing family, and she did everything she could, and needed to do, to keep our family comfortable. She is the strongest person I know, even when she’s feeling down and tries hard not to show it. She spends every day being a role model for students in her own classroom. She is my educational inspiration as I watched her graduate in 2000 with her MIT and she proved that it’s never too late to go back to school. I did not go into college right after high school, but I’m glad that I made the decision to do it. My mom has been my rock and foundation for staying through the finish no matter how stressed and tired I have ever been. She is my personal cheerleader and motivator when I am feeling down and when I am succeeding. She is the rational voice of reason when I have talked myself into confusion. She gives the best hugs when I am feeling overwhelmed and need to take a minute to breathe and get my mindset back. My mom deserves to win because she has never given up, in so many ways and at so many different times, on me and I would not be graduating this spring if it was not for her.”
Alumni 101:

BLOOMS AND BREWS

Images of people in a greenhouse with flowers.
A fun group of alumni and friends joined us on May 7 at Patt’s Garden Center in Clarkston. The group enjoyed food and drink while created a blooming masterpiece to enjoy all summer long. The experts at Patt’s also shared tips for keeping plants blooming and healthy throughout the summer.
Warriors in the Lewis-Clark Valley gathered at Riverport Brewery in Clarkston on April 16 to unwind after appeasing the tax man.
Gloria Ann (Sobotta) Mullay passed away on January 8, 2015. She was 85. She married Patrick Mullay in 1950. Together they raised three sons. They moved to Hermiston in 1959, where she taught fourth grade at West Park Elementary School until her retirement. She loved to travel and attended many reading conferences worldwide.

Donald Lee Widman passed away on January 21, 2015. He was 81. After he retired as the corporate electrical engineer for Potlatch Corporation he taught electrical engineering at Lewis-Clark State. He is survived by his wife Peggy and two daughters.

Vie Ethel (Cooper) Davis ’37 passed away on December 18, 2014. She was 99. Early in her career she taught fifth grade in Tammany, Idaho. During World War II, she worked in Seattle for Boeing as an airplane parts runner. After the war, she moved to Pullman and worked for Washington State University. She worked as an office manager and retired after 25 years. Vie completed her graduate school studies at the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

Elva Ida Heinz ’94 passed away on December 23, 2014. She was 94. After her husband Orville passed away in 1978, she pursued her hunger for education. She earned her bachelor of arts in 1982 from L-C. She then attended classes at the University of Idaho and Michigan State University and earned a master’s degree in 1994. To support the war effort during WWII, she worked as a skin mechanic at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. She then served a short term with the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. During this time she met her husband. They were married in 1946. Twelve years and three sons later they headed west, eventually settling in Clarkston in 1965. Elva joined the Peace Corps from 1984 to 1986, serving in Honduras and Sierra Leone, Africa.

Barbara (Wright) Hopkins ’71 passed away on January 2, 2015. She and the love of her life Bryan were married on November 27, 1948. They were inseparable for the next 66 years. Barb loved being a mom to her three children. She went back to school in 1969 to earn her teaching certificate. She loved the 17 years she spent teaching first grade, then third grade at St. Stanislaus in Lewiston. She was a member of PEO, Gamma Phi Beta, Red Hat Society, Lewiston Welfare League and many bridge clubs. She delivered meals to senior citizens for RSVP for several years.

Barbara Violette (Baker) Powell ’72 passed away on July 25, 2014. Soon after high school she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Seattle. She worked in the Public Information Office as a journalist, reporter and photographer. She met her husband Leslie at the base’s front gate. They were married in 1956 and started their family soon after. When Les retired from the Army, the family moved to Lewiston in 1971. It was then that both Barb and Les enrolled and graduated from Lewis-Clark State. Barb opened her own business and was the accountant for several Lewis-Clark businesses. She then worked at the Carpenters Local No. 398 in Lewiston until Les went to work for the U.S. Civil Service at Fairchild Air Force Base in 1986. They then moved to Airway Heights and Medical Lake, Washington. They lived in Obis, Germany from 1987 to 1990, and then moved back to Airway Heights. Barb worked at the base hospital, where she was awarded a medal for heroism and bravery after a gunman’s siege. She was a past member and past president of the Twin Rivers Genealogical Society and a past member of the Nez Perce County Historical Society.

Evelyn M. (Nelson) Powell ’43 passed away on January 28, 2015. She was 92. Upon graduating from college, she married Keith Powell and the couple lived on Cottonwood Creek, where they worked their farm. She taught school at Myrtle for about a year while Keith was in the military. After he was discharged in 1946, the couple moved back to Lewiston, where she taught at Garfield, Whitman, McSorley and McGhee schools. During this time, she went to summer school at the University of Idaho and earned her master’s degree in education. She is survived by her son, grandparents, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Savona Dawn (Beaudoin) Holmes ’04 passed away on May 22, 2015. Savona married John Holmes in 1980. They gave birth to their daughter Shanna in 1982. After a few years of career searching, Savona realized that she wanted to become a novelist and poet. Her family settled in Lewiston, where she pursued her bachelor of arts in English at Lewis-Clark State. She then attained her master of arts in literature and composition at the University of Idaho, graduating in 2008. While pursuing her degrees, Savona worked at the U of I and L-C. She served for more than 20 years at these institutions, holding a variety of positions including associate director of the Northwest Association of Special Programs TRIO Training, Co-chairwoman of the Peer Monitoring Committee, Consultant/Mediator for grants and special projects, Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, and Instructor of English 101 and English 102. During her career, she also fulfilled her dream of becoming a writer. She wrote a plethora of poetry, essays and short fiction, several of which have been published.

Dr. William N. “Doc” Laval began teaching at Lewis-Clark Normal School in 1963 in the Natural Sciences division. He later became the chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences at LCSC. He implemented a major and minor in geology. He also founded the LCSC Geology Club. Dr. Laval led many field trips for students and friends. He was also instrumental in bringing the moon rock to LC. Dr. Laval retired in 1995. Doc married Iva Jane Bum in 1963. She passed away in 1992. In 1994, he married Madeline Buffa, or “Mar” as she affectionately known. She passed away in 2003. He received his education in Seattle, including his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from the University of Washington.

Richard “Dick” Fike ’50 passed away on March 14, 2015. He married his high school sweetheart, Monna Bailey, in 1949. Dick began his teaching career in in 1950 at Winthrop, Washington, teaching eighth grade and coaching football, basketball, and baseball. The next year, he and Monna moved to Nezperce, Idaho, where he taught and again coached all the available sports. Together they raised three children. Eventually, he moved into the role of Superintendent, a position he held until 1965. That same year they moved to St. John, where he served as high school Principal, Counselor, and Athletic Director. Dick represented St. John High School until his retirement in 1988. In all, he devoted 38 continuous years to his love of education, athletics and hundreds of students. He was proudly inducted into the Washington Secondary School Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame in 1996.

Patricia D. Carlson ’70 passed away on December 4, 2014.

Dorothy (Stout) Anderson ’97 passed away on May 21, 2015. She graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1951. In 1994, she returned to college for a bachelor of science degree, graduating...
from Lewis-Clark State in 1997 at the age of 67. She married Laverne (Andy) Anderson in 1954. Following her marriage, she worked at Gritman Hospital for several years. After raising their family, she returned to nursing for many years on a part-time basis in several doctors’ offices in Moscow and also at the University of Idaho infirmary. She retired from the active practice of nursing in 1991. Dorothy was a 4-H leader for many years and she served on the Board of Directors of Gritman Medical Center for 12 years. She belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary for a number of years, and she was an officer many times and served as President for three terms in her younger years. Dorothy was a past member of the Lewiston Tribune’s Advisory Council. She was an outspoken advocate of women’s rights and was a political activist. She was also a member of Alice Whitman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by her three children and their families.

Alan L. Nagle ’72 passed away on May 9, 2015. After receiving his degree in industrial mechanics he began working for Henderson Motors. He married Shelley Crumley in 1972. Later in 1994 he worked for Idaho Truck Sales before finishing out his career as a diesel mechanic at Kenworth Sales.

David Van Hook passed away on April 11, 2015. After high school, Dave joined the Idaho Army National Guard and became a full-time mechanic at the Lewiston Armory. He was employed in craftsman trades throughout his life. He proudly served the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley community as a volunteer Fireman with the Clarkston Fire Department for 14 years. Dave retired from Lewis-Clark State College in 2013 after a 20-year career as Maintenance Craftsman and Locksmith. He married his life partner and wife, Janis, in 1981. They enjoyed many of the outdoor hobbies that drew them together throughout their long marriage. Dave enjoyed visits with his daughter, MacKenzie, and family.

Chase Brian Shoemaker Stelljes ’09 passed away on February 23, 2015. After graduation, Chase went to work for PIFCO. He began as a teller and was working as a loan officer at the time of his passing. Chase enjoyed spending time with family and worked from an early age at the family business. Starting out as a helper in the fireworks stands, he eventually ran his own stand in Lenore at the Thunderbird Smoke Shop.

Rena (Simmons) Pinson passed away on May 16, 2015. After college, Rena worked for a local attorney. She married Linsey Pinson in 1975, and together they had two daughters. They moved to the country near Juliaetta, Idaho. Rena was involved in every aspect of small ranch life. She accepted new challenges with confidence, resulting in many new loves and talents. Rena looked forward to visits with her children and grandchildren. At the time of her passing, Rena was employed by Northwest Children’s Home, where a piece of her compassion and love will remain.

Frances (Reichow) Mathison ’72 passed away on April 1, 2015. She was 86. Frances attended the University of Idaho but headed home before graduating because her horse, Stardust, wouldn’t eat without her feeding her. She later earned her degree in education from Lewis-Clark State and was immediately hired as the Director of the Head Start program. She took great pride in developing the program into one that earned national recognition as it served children from Riggins to Canada. She was honored in Washington, D.C. by President George W. Bush and held many national and regional offices. Between her UI and LCSC years she was married and had four children. Her first marriage ended in divorce and she moved to Lewiston where she became reacquainted with the man who would become the love of her life – Don Mathison. She was a founding member of the Palouse Hills Pony Club in Moscow and also was active in Kiwanis, Altrusa, and Hanna Circle, and a great supporter of everything her children and grandchildren participated in.

David Lee Kries ’61 passed away on February 6, 2015. David taught at Kamiah Elementary, Junior High and High School for a combined 34 years. His subjects included chemistry, biological sciences, photography, earth science and yearbook. He coached junior high football and high school track. He found great joy in his teaching and in inspiring his students to love science. He received Kamiah’s first Distinguished Service Award and was Kamiah Teacher of the Year in 1985-86 and 1987-88. He married Patricia Ann Aherin in 1957. Together they had three children. He completed his master’s degree from the University of Idaho in 1971. He was a true Kamiah Kub and community member and was a charter member of the Kiwanis of Kamiah, the Kamiah Jaycees and the Knights of Columbus.

Cheryl Ann (Buchanan) Petty ’71 passed away on March 9, 2015, at her home in Nampa. She started her higher education journey at Lewis-Clark State in the 80’s and she graduated in 1992. During these years, Cheryl met and married Fritz Mensinger, and this marriage later ended. She worked in the lab at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and started doing bookkeeping for private clients. Her prowess in that field then took her to Duckworth Boat Company, Nelson’s RV in Boise, and Western Marine in Nampa. She met Terry Petty and they were married in 1995.

Ivora Marie (Wittman) Ward ’43 passed away earlier this year. While attending Lewiston Normal School she played in the band and college orchestra. She was the President of the honor society known as Phi Beta Sigma, Secretary of the Associated Student Body, a member of The Kampus Kadets and several other organizations. After graduation, Ivora taught first grade in Genesee and later in Clarkston. In 1945, she married her best friend, James Ward. Together, Ivora and Jim started several businesses. After their seven children were in school, Ivora became a manager for Tupperware Home Parties. She recruited 25 dealers who worked for her for five years. When her husband started the NAPA Auto Parts in Lewiston, she retired from Tupperware to work as the bookkeeper and office manager for 13 years. They sold the business shortly before his death in November 1978. In January of 1979, she worked as a bookkeeper for Coleman Oil Company for six years. Ivora was a volunteer at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for over 19 years, accumulating over 5,000 hours. She held several offices on the Auxiliary Board during her eight-year tenure, including President, Vice President and head of the scholarship award fund for students attending college to become nurses.

Rosemary (Estes) Flynn –Duthie ’84 passed away on February 8, 2015. Rosemary fulfilled a lifetime dream when she earned her college degree. After graduation, she worked at Les Schwab in Walla Walla and Sandpoint, where she retired in 1995. She spent her remaining years in Lewiston, fighting for the rights of low-income senior citizens.

E. June (Brown) Snyder passed away on April 19, 2015. She was 84. For her first years after college, June taught elementary school in the Yakima Valley. After marrying a family, she concentrated on being a homemaker and on raising her four boys. She had a boundless curiosity for just about everything. June loved nature in all of its wonders. While living in Lakewood, Washington she was a member of Lakewood Gardens, where she could experience nature’s wonder through flowers and wildlife. June lived her life with joy and laughter.

Diann Groseclose passed away on March 3, 2015. She was 73. After earning a bookkeeping degree from Lewis-Clark State she was employed by the family recycling business, Latah Care Center, Latah County United Way, and several local businesses, and printed the “Old Fashioned Recipe Book” in her living room. She loved horses, being a 4-H leader, traveling, and spending winters in Utah.
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